

## ENTITLEMENT CHANGE

For apprenticeship and job training programs, the entitlement charge changes every 6 months as follows :

First 6 months	75%	Per Month
Second 6 months	55%	Per Month
Third 6 months	35%	Per Month (Through the remainder of the program)

## WHO TO CONTACT FOR ASSISTANCE

If you have questions concerning your eligibility for benefits, contact the Department of Veterans Affairs:

1-888-442-4551

If you have questions concerning the eligibility or approval of a specific Apprenticeship or On-The-Job Training Program, contact the State Approving Agency:

New Jersey State Department of Military and Veterans Affairs  
Division of Veterans Programs  
State Approving Agency  
Eggert Crossing Road  
PO Box 340  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0340  
Telephone: (609) 530-6849 / 6852  
FAX : (609) 530-7196

If you have questions concerning employment opportunities, contact the New Jersey Job Service Office nearest you.

## VETERANS/ ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE

Have You Considered

## ON - THE - JOB TRAINING OR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING?

You MAY be eligible to receive a monthly benefit check from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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## WHAT IS ON-THE-JOB TRAINING?

On-The-Job Training (OJT) is training that you receive while actually performing a job and earning wages. You may be eligible to receive GI Bill benefits while in an OJT program. OJT programs normally run six months to two years in length. Some examples of currently approved OJT programs are: Manager, Short Order Cook, Service Technician, Warehouse Person, Shipping and Receiving Clerk and Metal Fabricator.

## WHAT IS APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING?

Apprenticeship Training is on-the-job training coupled with related theory instruction. You receive your GI Bill benefits while working full time and earning wages. Apprenticeship programs are normally from two years to five years in length. Although program registrations with the New Jersey Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Labor are not mandatory for veterans benefits, they are recommended in order to receive a certificate of completion. Some examples of currently approved apprenticeship programs are: Carpenter, Electrician, Brick Layer, Plumber, Iron Worker, Machinist, and Maintenance Mechanic.

IN ADDITION TO THESE PROGRAMS, THERE ARE CURRENTLY MORE THAN 800 TRADE AREAS WHICH CAN BE APPROVED.

## WHEN CAN YOU APPLY FOR BENEFITS?

As a general rule, veterans have ten (10) years after their separation from active service to use their GI Bill benefits. The Chapter 34 GI Bill (Vietnam Era) ended on December 31, 1989; however, some Chapter 34 veterans are now eligible for benefits under Chapter 30. Contact the Department of Veterans Affairs to determine your eligibility.

## HOW TO BEGIN

1. If you do not have a job, or if you are not working in the occupation you want, contact your local New Jersey State Job Service Office. The Veterans Employment Representative should be able to find an employer who can offer the kind of training you need to reach the occupational objective you select.
2. Next, have your employer contact the State Approving Agency so that the necessary steps can be taken to approve the training program. Keep in mind that not all occupations can be approved. Please contact the State Approving Agency for more information.
3. Contact the Department of Veterans Affairs (Newark) to determine your eligibility and to obtain the necessary application forms.

## MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE/NATIONAL GUARD

Effective October 1, 1990, certain members of the Reserve/National Guard may be eligible for educational assistance allowance for participation in approved on-the-job training and/or apprenticeship training programs. Contact your Reserve/National Guard Unit to verify your eligibility for Chapter 1606 benefits.

## WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF THE MONTHLY BENEFIT CHECK?

If you are eligible under Chapter 30 (entered active duty after July 1, 1985 and contributed to the Montgomery GI Bill), then your monthly allowance should be either :

For those veterans whose initial obligated period of active duty was less than three years (Rates effective October 1, 2004)

First 6 months	\$612.00
Second 6 months	\$448.00
Remainder of training	\$285.60

OR

For those veterans whose initial obligated period of active duty was three years or more (Rates effective October 1, 2004)

First 6 months	\$753.00
Second 6 months	\$552.20
Remainder of training	\$351.40

If an individual participated in "specific" programs, they may be eligible for additional amounts ("kickers").

If you are eligible under Chapter 32 (entered active duty between January 1, 1977 and June 30, 1985) and contributed to the Veterans Educational Assistance Program, your monthly allowance will be determined based upon your contributions. Contact the Department of Veterans Affairs for information on your specific allowance.

If you were eligible under Chapter 34 (entered active duty between February 1, 1955 and December 31, 1976), you may be eligible to receive benefits under the Chapter 30 program. Contact the Department of Veterans Affairs for more specific information.

If you are eligible under Chapter 35 (a surviving spouse or dependent), then your monthly allowance should be: (Rates effective October 1, 2004)

First 6 months	\$585.00
Second 6 months	\$438.00
Third 6 months	\$291.00
Remainder of the program	\$147.00

If you are eligible under Chapter 1606 (National Guard or Reserve member) then your monthly allowance should be: (Rates effective October 1, 2004)

First 6 months	\$216.00
Second 6 months	\$158.40
Third 6 months and succeeding periods	\$ 100.80

Contact your Reserve / National Guard Unit to verify your eligibility for chapter 1606 benefits.